

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 2, lines 23-32 as follows:

In the process of the present invention, no or substantially no water is present in the bottom of the distillation column. As used herein, substantially no water means in particular that less than 100 weight ppm of water is present in the bottom of the distillation column (relative to the bottom product, i.e. the mixture present in the bottom of the distillation column contains less than 100 weight ppm of water). The term weight ppm (parts per million) water is understood to mean the ratio of grams of water per one million gram of bottom product. It has surprisingly been found that when the distilling is performed in the presence of less than 100 weight ppm of water in the bottom, the amount of aldehydes and in particular the amount of pentanal and hexanal can be ~~decreased~~ increased to very low values, even to below 90 weight ppm.